

Remarks:

Claims 44-68 remain in the application. Please cancel claims 1-43 without prejudice to further prosecution in a related application. Please add claims 44-68.

Applicant believes new claims add no new matter. Support for the additional claims is found throughout the specification, but in particular, Applicant directs the Examiner to Fig. 8 and its description.

In-person Interview:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time during the in-person interview of April 7th 2005. During the interview, a few proposed new claims were discussed in light of the prior art. Examiner recommended that Applicant distinguish that the gaming machines in the gaming system reside in separate housings.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 9, 16 and 17 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Seelig, et al. (US patent No. 5, 560, 603). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention recites a gaming system comprising a first gaming machine and a second gaming machine. The first master gaming controller is designed or configured "to display a second presentation of the second outcome for the second game of chance on the first display while the first presentation is displayed on the first display" and the second gaming machine is designed or configured "to display the first presentation of the first outcome for the first game of chance on the second display while the second presentation is displayed on the second display."

In Seelig, the play of slot games on different slot machines is described (see FIG. 3). Each slot machine receives a wager for a slot game and only shows the outcome of the slot game it has generated. The outcome of a first slot game generated on a first gaming machine (110A-D) is not shown on a second gaming machines with the outcome of a second slot game generated on the second gaming machine and vice versa. Therefore, Seelig can't be said to anticipate the pending claims and the rejection is believe overcome thereby.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 & 10-16 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Pierce, et al. (US patent No. 6,047,963). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Pierce shows a gaming machine FIG. 1 that provides a slot game with a mechanical pachinko bonus game. Each slot machine receives a wager for a slot game and only shows the outcome of the slot game it has generated. The outcome of a first slot game generated on a first gaming machine is not shown on a second gaming machines with the outcome of a

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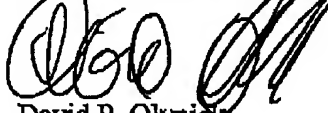
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claim 8 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seelig, et al. in view of Seelig et al (US patent No. 5, 560, 603). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The rejection of claim 8 is rendered moot in light of the new claim set. The Seelig and Pierce references alone or in combination can't be said to teach or suggest the limitations of the pending claims recited in the gaming system of the present invention.

If the examiner believes that a telephone conference would aid the prosecution of this case in any way, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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